

**Remarks**

The Office Action mailed March 27, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-9 are now pending in this application. Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 1-9 in the Office Action. Claims 10-25 have been cancelled.

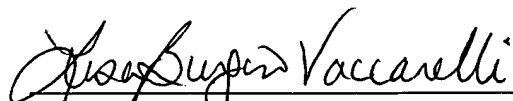
The Office Action objects to the specification stating that the term "a free standing structure" is not properly disclosed in the specification. Additionally, claims 10-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner again states that the subject matter "a free standing structure" was not described in the specification. While the Applicants believe that the subject matter of the claims is in fact supported by the specification, claims 10-25 have been cancelled herein and accordingly, the objection to the specification and the rejection of claims 10-25 under 35 U.S.C. §112 are now moot. Thus, Applicants respectfully request the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, claims 10-13, 15, 16 19, 20, 23 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakamura (US 4,223,177). Additionally, claims 19, 20, 22, 23 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Groenewegen (U.S. Patent No. 4,694,119). Claims 14 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura (US 4,223,177) in view of Little et al. (US 6,920,050), and claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura (US 4,223,177) in view of Ducza et al. (US 4,528,932).

In order to move this application to issuance, Applicants have cancelled claims 10-25. Consequently, the above rejections are now moot and Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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